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07/23/2001 LFULTON 00000A applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed
01 FC:215 March 21, 2001. Attached for the Examiner's convenience and reference is a copy of the pending
Claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 23-29.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A skin treatment apparatus, comprising:

- 1. a fluid delivery member with a tissue interface surface that remains conformable to a skin surface as the tissue interface surface is applied to a surface of the skin;
- 2. a fluid passage lumen coupled to the fluid delivery member; and
- 3. a thermal energy delivery device coupled to the fluid delivery member in a position to transfer thermal energy to an electrolytic medium that passes through the fluid delivery member.

11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the sensor is positioned at the tissue interface surface of the fluid delivery member.